

What is claimed is:

5 1. A method of storing and retrieving one or more items on a database over a plurality of communications networks, including:

10 a. entering, at a first communications terminal, one or more data items;

15 b. transmitting said data items, together with a first user identity code, to a database server over a first communications network;

20 c. transmitting a retrieval request, together with a second user identity code, from a second, wireless communications terminal to said database server over a second, wireless communications network; and,

25 d. if said first user identity code matches said second user identity code, receiving at least some of said one or more data items.

30 2. A method according to claim 1, wherein steps a and b comprise the steps of:

 i. entering, at said first communications terminal, one or more first data items;

 ii. transmitting said one or more first data items, together with said first user identity code, to the database server over the first communications network;

 iii. entering, at said first communications terminal, one or more second data items; and

 iv. transmitting said one or more second data items, together with said first user identity code, to the database server over the first communications network.

35 3. A method of storing and retrieving one or more data items on a database, including:

 a. receiving, from a first communications terminal, a set of data items and a first user identity code;

 b. indexing said data items on said database according to said first user identity code;

6. A method of retrieving information from a database over one or more communications networks, including:

- entering a code at a wireless communications terminal,
- transmitting said code over a wireless communications network to a database server; and
- receiving from said database server, in response to said code, a set of data items derived from said code.

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7. A method according to claim 6, wherein said code is displayed in the vicinity of the wireless communications terminal.

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8. A method of adding data items to a data record, including:

- storing data set records each including a data code and a set of data items;
- receiving a data code and a user identity code from a wireless communications terminal over a wireless communications network;
- retrieving one of said data set records corresponding to said received data code; and
- adding the set of data items from said retrieved data set record to a user data record indexed according to said received user identity code.

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9. A method according to claim 8, wherein said data code is displayed in the vicinity of the wireless communications terminal.

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10. A method of retrieving information from a database over one or more communications networks, including:

- storing a plurality of sets of data and corresponding set identity codes;
- receiving a set identity code over a wireless communications network from a first wireless communications terminal;

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- c. retrieving one of said sets of data from the database corresponding to said set identity code; and
- d. transmitting said set of data to said first communications terminal or to a second communications terminal.

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- 11. A method according to claim 10, wherein the set of data is transmitted to said second communications terminal.
- 12. A method according to claim 11, wherein the second communications terminal is a fixed terminal.

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- 13. A method according to claim 11, wherein the second communications terminal transmits said set of data to said first, wireless communications terminal or to a third, wireless communications terminal.

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- 14. A method according to claim 11, wherein said first wireless communications terminal transmits a first user identity code and the second communications terminal receives a second user identity code, and said set of data is retrieved if said first user identity code matches said second user identity code.

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- 15. A method according to claim 14, wherein said second communications terminal reads said second user identity code from a portable token.

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- 16. A method according to claim 10, wherein said set code is displayed in the vicinity of the first wireless communications terminal.
- 17. A method according to claim 10, wherein said set of data includes an alphanumeric list of items.

18. A method according to claim 6, wherein said set of data includes one or more video clips.

19. A system for retrieving sets of data items, comprising:

5 a. a database storing a plurality of sets of data items and corresponding set codes;

10 b. at least one communication channel interface for providing an interface between the database and a corresponding communication network; and

15 c. at least one user terminal for communication over said communication network;
wherein the communication channel interface is arranged to receive a set code from the at least one user terminal, to match the set code to a set code in the database and to transmit the corresponding set of data items to the user terminal.

20. A system for storing sets of data items, comprising:

20 a. a first database storing a plurality of sets of data items and corresponding set codes;

25 b. a second database storing sets of data items indexed by user;

30 c. at least one communication channel interface for providing an interface between the database and a corresponding communication network; and

30 d. a plurality of user terminals for communication over said communication network;
wherein the communication channel interface is arranged to receive a set code and a user identity code from one of said user terminals, to match the set code to a set code in the first database and to store the corresponding set of data items in the second database, indexed according to the user identity code.

21. A method of retrieving and transmitting information, including:

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- a. receiving a variable code and a user identity code over a wireless communications network from a wireless communications terminal;
- b. retrieving, in response to receipt of said variable code, a data record corresponding to the user identity code; and
- c. transmitting said data record to a data receiver other than the wireless communications terminal.

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- 22. A method according to claim 21, including selecting said data receiver from a plurality of data receivers according to said variable code.

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- 23. A method according to claim 21, further including conducting a transaction between the user of the wireless communication terminal and the selected data receiver.

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- 24. A method according to claim 21, wherein said variable code is displayed in the vicinity of the wireless communications terminal.

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- 25. A computer program arranged to perform a method according to claim 21.

26. A carrier bearing a computer program according to claim 25.